



**2009 International Star Class  
North American Championship Regatta  
Westport, CT  
September 12-18, 2009**



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. Rules**

The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR). The Organizing Authority is the Cedar Point Yacht Club (CPYC) in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR). The host Fleet is the Central Long Island Sound Fleet (CLIS).

- 1.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the national authority, US SAILING, do not apply except as provided in the prescription to RRS 88, the US prescriptions to rules 68, 76.1 and 76.3 apply & are stated fully in paragraph 16, below.
- 1.4 RRS 32 will be changed to provide that courses will not be shortened.
- 1.5 RRS 33b will not apply.
- 1.6 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- 1.7 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- 1.8 RRS A4.1 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in prior to the warning signal will be scored the same as a boat not starting in that race without a hearing.

**2. Advertising**

Boats may be required to display event advertising and/or bow numbers on the forward part of the hull. Out of respect for our event sponsors, advertising for tobacco products is strongly discouraged.

**3. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 Entries eligible in accordance with STCR 21, 26, 29 & 30 may compete. Qualifications are Log plus Infinity.
- 3.2 Entry due date is August 26, 2009. Entries shall be submitted through the Star Class online registration system using the Official Entry Form (available at [www.starclass.org](http://www.starclass.org)) not later than 5pm on August 26, 2009. Alternatively, entries may be submitted by fax or by mail (to be received prior to the entry due date) to International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Central Office, 914 Bay Ridge Road, Annapolis, MD 21403 USA, Fax: (443) 458-5735 with a duplicate copy mailed to Mrs. Jane Lawrence, CLIS Fleet Secretary, 6 Lincoln Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT 06870-2211 USA.
- 3.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under the ISAF Eligibility Code, RRS Regulation 19, shall be eligible to compete in this regatta.
- 3.4 For purposes of RRS (Appendix A – Scoring), a competitor is not considered an entry until:
  - 1. Registration is complete, including signed waivers and all fees paid, and
  - 2. Measurement is completed.

**4. Fees**

The entry fee of \$350 includes boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling and invitations to social events for skipper and crew. Checks in the amount of the entry fee shall be payable in US funds, drawn on a US bank, made payable to Central Long Island Sound Fleet and mailed to Mrs. Jane Lawrence (using her address noted above) to be received on or before August 31, 2009. Special Note - a reduced entry fee for the 2009 Cedar Point Open Regatta for the Bedford Pitcher will be made available to entrants in both events. A separate Notice of Race will be posted for the 2009 Cedar Point Open Regatta for the Bedford Pitcher.

## 5. Schedule

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Early Check-In and Measurement	0800 –1000 hrs Or by appointment from	Cedar Point Yacht Club 1000 – 1700 hrs
Practice Race(s): The 2009 Cedar Point Open Regatta for the Bedford Pitcher				
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	First Warning Signal	1100 hrs	
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Bedford Pitcher Dinner	1800 hrs (approx)	Cedar Point Yacht Club
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	First Warning Signal	1030 hrs ( * )	
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Early Check-In and Measurement	1700 – 2000 hrs Or by appointment from	Cedar Point Yacht Club 1000 – 1700 hrs
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Check in & Measurement	0900—1700 hrs	Cedar Point Yacht Club
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Opening Ceremony & Dinner	1800 hrs	
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	First Warning Signal	1100 hrs	
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	First Warning Signal	1100 hrs	
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-week Awards Dinner	1830	Cedar Point Yacht Club
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	First Warning Signal	1100 hrs	
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	First Warning Signal	1030 hrs (**)	
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Dinner	1800 hrs (approx)	Cedar Point Yacht Club
	( * )	No warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs on Sunday		
	(**)	No warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs on Friday		

## 6. Measurement

- 6.1 Boat Measurement will take place in the Drystall Area at Cedar Point Yacht Club. Sail Measurement will take place in the main dining room of the Club. Each participating boat shall have a valid Measurement Certificate and Weight Certificate. Only boats that have completed registration, paid all entry fees, and passed the prescribed measurement check procedure by 5pm on Monday, September 14, 2009 are entitled to race. The International Jury may order that a boat be re-checked during the regatta.
- 6.2 Crews shall demonstrate compliance with crew weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to 5pm on Monday, September 14, 2009. Crews may be re-weighed during the event at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 6.3 Each boat shall show the sail number and national letters as indicated on the Official Entry Form and approved by the Measurer.
- 6.4 Bow numbers will be assigned and given to each participating boat. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the Sailing Instructions.

## 7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions shall be available at registration. Preliminary Sailing Instructions may be available after September 1, 2009 on the Regatta Website.

## 8. Venue

Racing will be conducted in Long Island Sound approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the Saugatuck River.

## 9. Courses

Courses will be according to STCR 34.

## 10. Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, modified so that each series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if more than four (4) races are completed. Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which 4 races shall be required to constitute a series.

## 11. Berthing

Boats shall be in the drystall area of Cedar Point Yacht Club not later than 1500 hours on September 14, 2009 until the conclusion of racing.

## 12. Haul-out Restrictions

The Organizing Authority may impose haul-out restrictions, if necessary.

## 13. Prizes

- 13.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.
- 13.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through fifth.
- 13.3 Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in the Series for skippers aged 50 to 59 or over before the start of the first race. (\*\*\*)
- 13.4 Grand Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in the Series for skippers aged 60 to 69 or over before the start of the first race.
- 13.5 An Exalted and Venerated Master's trophy shall be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first in the Series for Skippers 70 or over before the start of the first race. (\*\*\*)
- 13.6 A Junior Trophy shall be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first in the Series for Skippers age 24 or under before the start of the first race. (\*\*\*)
- 13.7 Daily prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in each race.

(\*\*\*) Competitors in Divisions established in 13.3, 13.4, 13.5 and 13.6 will also compete for Series prizes (see 13.2)

## 14. Disclaimer

The Organizing Authority shall require each skipper and crew to sign a waiver, at or before check in as a mandatory registration document, for loss, damage or injury to persons or property occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the property of Cedar Point Yacht Club. The Organizing Authority, their members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

## 15. Insurance

Proof of marine liability insurance (property and injury) in the amount of \$300,000 covering the person in charge (RRS 46) during this regatta is required.

## 16. US SAILING Prescriptions that Apply

- 16.1 After RRS 68 add: "US SAILING prescribes that:
  - (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
  - (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
  - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats."
- 16.2 After RRS 76.1 add: "US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age."
- 16.3 Add RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

## 17. Further Information

For additional regatta and for housing information, contact:

General Information - Fleet Captain Dave Cutler: phone 917-576-7077; email: [dwcutler@optonline.net](mailto:dwcutler@optonline.net)

Housing Coordinator - Carroll McCallum: phone 203-554-6899; email: [mccallumcb@aol.com](mailto:mccallumcb@aol.com)

A limited amount of housing in private homes may be available with advance arrangements.

The Official Event Hotel is the Westport Inn which will provide discounted room rates.

Additional information may be posted periodically on the Regatta Website. See:

<http://www.cedarpointyc.org/Star/StarNewsEvents/2009StarClassNorthAmericanChampionship/tabid/173/Default.aspx>